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2. A small number of Latvians were serving in naval units in Lepaya, but most Latvians who were inducted into the navy were sent to the interior of the USSR, to East Germany, and especially to Kaliningrad (N 54-43, E 20-30).

3. [] numerous [] had served more than the compulsory three years in the infantry and had not yet been released.

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4. [] it was possible to ignore the spring conscription summons in order to delay active military service until fall. Then, if the conscript were asked his reason for not appearing for the spring conscription call, he could state that he never received an order to report.

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5. Most Latvian conscripts were sent to Riga where some were assigned to the Latvian Guard Infantry Corps. []

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[] It was no longer mentioned in the press, and its former commander, Lieutenant General Brantskalns (fnu), had not been mentioned in the press for several years.

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[] Comment. This is in contradiction to information given [] which indicates that notifications to appear for military service were delivered by messenger, thus making such an excuse impossible.

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1. There usually were two to four submarines, each mounting a deck gun, in the Lepaya (N 56-28, E 21-00) Naval Harbor. 25X1
2. In late April 1952 fifteen heavy antiaircraft guns were set up on the pier between the Free Harbor and the Winter Harbor in Lepaya. These guns were covered with canvas. About the same time three of four anti-aircraft guns were placed east of Mezapricks.¹ These guns could be seen from the road.
3. Coast artillery was visible in the Skede (N 56-38, E 21-02) area of the Latvian coast, north of the Lepaya Naval Harbor between Lake Tosmare (N 56-34, E 21-03) and the Baltic Sea. [] guns shooting at sea targets in this area. 25X1
4. Tank troops were stationed in Cirava (N 56-43, E 21-28) in 1949.
5. Many troops were stationed in Paplaka (N 56-27, E 21-27).
6. Larger (sic) units of infantry were stationed in Priekule (N 56-27, E 21-34). Most of these troops appeared to be Uzbeks, Turkmen, or other Mongolians. These Mongolian troops had won a wide reputation because of their exploits with women.
7. South of Palauga² in the Nimersat-Karkle region was an artillery range. Numerous troops were stationed in the area.

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8. A military radio station was located between Saules Murza³ and the north tip of Lake Lepaya. Another one was located in the Lepaya Naval Harbor. A civilian radio station was located between the Ranzier⁴ railroad station and Lake Lepaya.
9. One of the high ranking naval officers in Lepaya was named Gorkuscha (fnu). His rank is not known.

1. [] Comment. The exact location of this place cannot readily be determined. It may not be a populated place at all, since meza is a Latvian prefix meaning wooded or forest. Thus it could be an obscure geographical place name. It might also be Mezaparks. 25X1
2. [] Comment. This may possibly be Palanga (N 55-55, E 21-04) in Lithuania. 25X1
3. [] Comment. The location of this place has not been determined. It may actually be a farm, rather than a community, since Murza may be a corruption of muiža, which can mean farm in Latvian. 25X1
4. [] Comment. This may possibly be the freight railroad yard for the city of Lepaya. Ranzier railroad station may actually be a corruption or mistranslation of the German Rangierbahnhof, which means shunting-station or yard. 25X1

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